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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF MFN ASSURANCES

REF: (A) BUDAPEST 594

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE SUGGESTED GOH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND YOUR REVISED VERSIONS. WE FULLY AGREE WITH THE POINTS YOU RAISED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL A CONCERNING PROBLEMS IN GOH VERSION. WE HAVE FURTHER MODIFIED THE EXCHANGE BY THE ADDITION OF AN INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH TO THE PUJA LETTER AND SHIFTED THE POSITION
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OF THE SPECIFIC EMIGRATION ASSURANCE LANGUAGE, SO THAT THE ASSURANCES FALL OUTSIDE THE DIRECT CONTEXT OF THE VANCE-PUJA MEETING AND TO LESSEN IMPLICATION OF HUNGARIAN TEXT THAT ASSURANCES ARE A MERE REITERATION OF FINAL ACT COMMITMENTS. WE HAVE ALTERED THE FORMULATION IN THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO PUJA ON THE TRADE AGREEMENT, BY USING LANGUAGE TO MAKE CLEAR THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF CON-

GRESS.

2. OUR PROPOSED LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR
FOLLOWS: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPOR-
TUNITY TO NOTE OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS ON TOPICS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST AND TO CONVEY MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS RE-

GARDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONDUCTED ON JANUARY 7, 1978, IN
BUDAPEST WITH MR. CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PROVIDED A VALUABLE
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUN-
TRIES. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SATISFAC-
TION THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

WE ALSO REVIEWED WITH SECRETARY VANCE QUESTIONS RE-
LATED TO SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE HUN-
GARIAN AND THE AMERICAN SIDES EMPHASIZED EQUALLY THAT
BOTH COUNTRIES STRIVE FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

BOTH SIDES CONCLUDED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL
ACT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT POSITIVE RESULTS IN HUNGARIAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONS. BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THAT THERE
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ARE STILL MANY UNUSED POSSIBILITIES TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY
ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION.

ON THE BASIS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY VANCE,
I CONCLUDED THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES THE CONTINUED
DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED THAT, CONCERNING CASES
OF EMIGRATION, THEY UNDERTAKE TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, AND TO DEAL WITH
THEM PROMPTLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, AND WITH GOOD WILL.

THUS, I SHOULD DEEM IT BENEFICIAL IF BOTH THE UNITED
STATES AND HUNGARY CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF PROPOSALS
WHICH, IN HARMONY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE FINAL ACT,
WOULD PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC,
COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS. THE
GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY IS READY TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS
TO THIS END WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY YOURS, FRIGYES PUJA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. OUR PROPOSED LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO PUJA FOLLOWS:
DEAR MR. MINISTER: I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH PLEASURE THE
RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED
THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN YOU AND THE SECRETARY OF
STATE ON JANUARY 7, 1978 WAS INDEED AN EXCELLENT OCCASION

TO REVIEW THE STATE OF HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND
TO OUTLINE THE TASKS BEFORE US.

THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION, AS YOU DID,
MR. MINISTER, WITH THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR
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RELATIONS AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE
FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI. HE EMPHASIZED, AS YOU DID, THAT
BOTH PARTIES UNDERTAKE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
FINAL ACT.

I AM ALSO PLEASED TO NOTE THAT, CONCERNING CASES
OF EMIGRATION, BOTH OUR COUNTRIES UNDERTAKE TO ACT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT
OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE,
AND TO DEAL WITH THEM PROMPTLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, AND WITH
GOOD WILL.

I AGREE WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, THAT THE CONTINUING
DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION IS
DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE AND THAT FURTHER PROPOSALS WHICH
PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS IN HARMONY WITH
THE FINAL ACT SHOULD BE STUDIED AND IMPLEMENTED. IN THIS
CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IS ENCOURAGED BY THE
NEGOTIATIONS JUST CONCLUDED CONCERNING THE HUNGARIAN-
AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT. AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT
HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL
PROMPTLY PLACE IT BEFORE THE CONGRESS AND WILL URGE ITS
TIMELY APPROVAL. SINCERELY, PHILIP M. KAISER AMBASSADOR

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK HUNGARIAN CONCURRENCE TO
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN PARA 2 AND 3.

5. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES HERE FROM BARTHA AND
ESZTERGALYOS THIS WEEK AS TO STATUS OF OUR RESPONSE TO
TEXTS PROPOSED BY GOH, WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT PART OF
TIME WE HAVE TAKEN HAS BEEN USED TO CONSULT WITH KEY PEOPLE
IN CONGRESS. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD THEM THAT THE RESPONSES
WE HAVE RECEIVED HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE. WE INFORMED BARTHA
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TODAY (MARCH 1) THAT WE PLANNED TO SEND YOU OUR RESPONSE
TODAY. HE SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET AT
LEAST AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FROM NAGY TO OUR REVISED
TEXTS BY THE WEEKEND, IF NOT BEFORE, SINCE HE EXPECTED
BOTH SIDES WOULD BE READY TO INITIAL A TRADE AGREEMENT
TEXT IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME. VANCE

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